

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Joshua Bolten
Director
Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Mr. Bolten:

We are writing to endorse the new Diesel Emission Reduction Act ("DERA") that was included in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Senator Voinovich proposed this program earlier this year. This provision of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 enjoyed bipartisan support from Congress as well as the business and environmental community. We understand that the Administration has received letters in support of funding for this program from over 200 environmental, industry, public and labor groups.

We encourage you to include full funding for the DERA program in the President's budget proposal and to consolidate all of the five diesel retrofit provisions that were authorized in the energy bill under this one program. This consolidation would ensure the most efficient administration of a diverse array of diesel retrofit programs and result in the most effective use of scarce resources.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards,







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